



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## LAND USE AGENDA ITEM

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**DATE:** October 29, 2008

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** RE-ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BICYCLE  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN – POD 08-014 (District: All)

### SUMMARY:

#### Overview

Each year Caltrans solicits applications for bicycle facility construction grants. To apply for these grants, the County must have an adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan. Under Caltrans rules, adoption of a plan makes a jurisdiction eligible to apply for grant funds during the next five years. On December 10, 2003 (17) the Board of Supervisors adopted the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan, which made the County eligible to apply for grants during the next five years. This eligibility therefore expires in November 2008.

The proposed action will re-adopt the Plan without changes and keep the County eligible to submit applications to Caltrans for bicycle facility construction grants during the next five years, until 2013, when the re-adopted Plan will expire. The Plan may be amended prior to 2013 if changes are needed to make the Plan consistent with the future adoption of the General Plan Update. The Plan will also continue to be the basis by which applications are made to the San Diego Association of Governments for Transportation Development Act and TransNet funds for bikeway projects.

#### Recommendation(s)

##### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as specified under Section 15301 and 15304(h) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposal will improve existing bicycle transportation facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use within the County right-of-way.
2. Adopt the resolution entitled "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego Authorizing Re-adoption of the Bicycle Transportation Plan and Certificate of Availability of County Match Funds for Bicycle Transportation Account Projects REF: POD08-014".

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**Fiscal Impact**

This request will result in no current year cost, no subsequent year cost and revenue, and no additional staff years.

**Business Impact Statement**

N/A

**Advisory Board Statement**

N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year Caltrans solicits applications for commuter bicycle facility construction grants. The estimated amount available for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is \$7.2 million. To apply for these grants, the County must have an adopted Bicycle Transportation Plan. On December 10, 2003 (17) the Board of Supervisors adopted the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan (Plan), which expires in November 2008.

The Plan is intended to serve as a guiding document for bicycle facilities development in unincorporated areas. The Plan identifies existing and proposed bicycle facilities for each community.

Development of the Plan was accomplished under close consultation with bicycle groups, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Caltrans, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The Plan continues to indicate opportunities for coordination with existing trails, as well as with development of the County Trails Program.

The Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation and Planning and Land Use will coordinate the review and development of “non-motorized” trails and bicycle routes on a case-by-case basis to ensure that no conflicts will occur. A 45-day public review period provided an opportunity for bicycle organizations and Planning and Sponsor Groups to suggest updates and changes to the current Plan. No comments were received.

If re-adopted, the Plan will continue to make the County eligible to submit applications to Caltrans for bicycle facility construction grants for five years. The Plan will also continue to be the basis by which applications are made annually to SANDAG for Transportation Development Act (TDA) and TransNet funds for bikeway and pedestrian projects. Upon re-adoption by the Board of Supervisors, the Plan will serve the County’s recreational and commuting cyclists by identifying existing and needed facilities, describing bicycle policies and programs and providing a strategy for implementation.

The currently adopted Circulation Element of the General Plan identifies locations of “bicycle facilities”, including bike paths, bike lanes and “bike route” signs. Priority locations are those consistent with the existing Circulation Element of the General Plan and re-adoption would make

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those eligible for grant application through Fiscal Year 2013-2014 for Caltrans funding. The Plan identifies priority projects, including off-street bicycle paths (Class I), on-street bicycle lanes (Class II) and bike route signage (Class III). All priority locations are considered equal.

At the request of Caltrans, the Plan includes proposed projects on State roads as shown for each community in Chapter 4 of the Plan. The County is not authorized to apply for funding on these roads. Construction of such projects is contingent upon future roadway improvements and the sole authority to provide these facilities on State Routes will be a Caltrans decision.

**SANDAG Regional Non-motorized Transportation Funding**

Each year SANDAG, acting as the Regional Transportation Commission, allocates TDA and TransNet funds for bikeway and pedestrian projects. The County is not currently eligible to submit applications for this funding because the County does not have an adopted Housing Element. Once the Housing Element is adopted, the County will be eligible to pursue this grant funding source for County projects. The Plan will become one basis by which applications are made to SANDAG for bikeway and pedestrian projects.

**Environmental Statement**

The project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to Sections 15301 and 15304(h) because the Plan will result in the improvement of existing bicycle transportation facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use within the County right-of-way. Any future projects approved for funding under the Plan will be subject to environmental review and CEQA compliance prior to construction.

**Linkage to the County of San Diego's Strategic Plan**

The County's Safe and Livable Communities Initiative includes an objective to develop and support services, programs and initiatives that enrich or protect our residents' quality of life. Re-adoption of the Plan will help fulfill these initiatives by providing a framework for development of bicycle infrastructure for both recreational and commuting bicyclists, as well as enhancing and promoting safe bicycling for youth.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANDRA L. WALLAR  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

**Attachment A** – Resolution Authorizing Re-Adoption of the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan and Certification of Availability of County Match Funds for Bicycle Transportation Account Projects


**Attachment B** – Environmental Documentation.

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

**COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW**

  
[X] Yes

Written disclosure per County Charter  
§1000.1 required?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR**

☐ Yes ☒ N/A

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

☐ Yes ☒ N/A

Requires Four Votes

☐ Yes ☒ No

**GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR**

☐ Yes ☒ N/A



**COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE**

☐ Yes ☒ N/A

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

☐ Yes ☒ N/A

**Other Concurrence(s):** Department of Public Works  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** Department of Planning and Land Use

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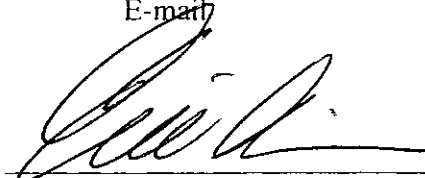
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**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:**



ERIC GIBSON, Director

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:**

On December 10, 2003 (17) the Board of Supervisors adopted the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan, certified the availability of County match funds for Bicycle Transportation Account projects and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to submit grant applications to Caltrans.

**BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:**

B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts – Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery

**BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:**

B-29

Successful completion of all grant funds requested would provide 90% funding for priority projects outlined in the Plan. Matching funds of 10% are required.

**CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):**

N/A

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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**DEPARTMENT:** N/A  
**PROGRAM:** N/A  
**PROPOSAL:** N/A

			FUTURE YEARS ESTIMATED BUDGET OF PROPOSAL IF ADOPTED	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Budgeted Amount For Proposal	Proposed Change in Budgeted Amount	Proposed Revised Current Year Budget (a+b)	1st Subsequent Year	2nd Subsequent Year
Direct Cost				
Revenue/Other Offset				
<b>NET GENERAL FUND COST</b>				
Staff Years				

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Sources of Revenue/Other Offset for Proposed Change and Subsequent Years:

**Space-Related Impacts:** Will this proposal result in any additional space requirements? ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

**Support/Other Departmental Impacts:** ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

**Remarks:** ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

# **ATTACHMENT A**

## **RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

POD 08-014  
ATTACHMENT A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
SAN DIEGO AUTHORIZING RE-ADOPTION OF THE BICYCLE  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF  
COUNTY MATCH FUNDS FOR BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNT  
PROJECTS  
REF: POD 08-014**

**WHEREAS**, increased use of bicycle facilities will aid the region in meeting its air quality goals, help conserve scarce energy resources and benefit the cycling public; and

**WHEREAS**, construction of bicycle facilities will reduce single occupancy vehicle trips by encouraging non-motorized commuting; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Diego desires to promote safe cycling on County rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Diego desires to design and/or construct bicycle facilities within unincorporated areas of the County in accordance with the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the project costs for bicycle facilities will be accommodated by a combination of Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA) funds administered through Caltrans and local match funds; and

**WHEREAS**, to secure BTA funding, the governing board of the local agency must adopt a current bicycle transportation plan and certify that the plan is in compliance with State law and the Regional Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the local agency must also certify that 10 percent local match funds are available and committed for that purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby:

1. Re-adopt the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan and certify that it is in compliance with State law and the Regional Transportation Plan; and
2. Certify that the County of San Diego will provide 10 percent local match funds for BTA projects approved for Fiscal Years 2009-10 through 2013-2014.



# **ATTACHMENT B**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Recorder/County Clerk  
Attn: Anthony J. Consul  
1600 Pacific Highway, M.S. A33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego  
Department of Planning and Land Use, M.S. 0650  
Attn: Advance Planning Division Section Secretary

SUBJECT: **FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project: Readoption of the County of San Diego Bicycle Transportation Plan, POD 08-014.

Project Location: County-wide

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101:

Project Description: Readoption of the San Diego County Bicycle Transportation Plan to allow the County to apply to Caltrans for bicycle facility construction grants and to be used as the basis for applications to SANDAG for Transportation Development Act and TransNet funds for bikeway projects.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Lory Nagem Telephone: (858) 694-3823

Date Form Completed: September 11, 2008

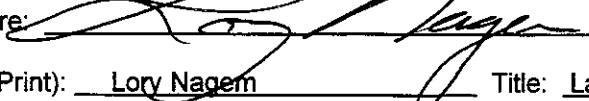
This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above described project on \_\_\_\_\_ (date/item #) and found the project to be exempt from the CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)

- ☐ Declared Emergency [C 21080(b)(3); G 15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [C 21080(b)(4); G 15269(b)(c)]
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. C Section:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. G Section: 15301 and 15304(h)
- ☐ G 15182 - Residential Projects Pursuant to a Specific Plan
- ☐ Activity is exempt from the CEQA because it is not a project as defined in Section 15378.
- ☐ G 15061(b)(3) - It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to the CEQA.

Statement of reasons why project is exempt: Re-adoption of the Bicycle Transportation Plan will result in the improvement of existing bicycle transportation facilities involving negligible or no expansion of the existing use within the County right-of-way. Any future projects approved for funding under the Plan will be subject to environmental review and CEQA compliance prior to construction.

The following is to be filled in only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature:  Telephone: (858) 694-3823

Name (Print): Lory Nagem Title: Land Use/Environmental Planner III

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.